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EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE

"MEMCON FROM BERT FRALEIGH, USAID/PHILIPPINES

TOPIC: UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE DISASTER EFFORTS FOR THE
PHILIPPINES

DR. KLAUS WIERLING, UNDRO COORDINATOR FROM GENEVA, CALLED AT
2:30 AUGUST 24 TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON UN DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS
FOR PHILIPPINE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. DR WIERLING HAS BEEN IN
THE COUNTRY SINCE LAST THURSDAY AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOP
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AND HAS SPENT MOST OF THE TIME IN THE DISASTER AREAS. DONALD

BERGSTROM, LOCAL UNDP RESREP, ACCOMPANIED HIM ON HIS INSPECTIONS THERE.

HE SAYS HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS IN ZAMBOANGA AND COTABATO CITIES.

THE ORGANIZATION IN ZAMBOANGA CITY IS REGIONAL IN NATURE AND KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN DISASTER CONTROL CENTER. IT IS UNDER THE VERY EFFICIENT DIRECTION OF LINDY MORRELL, NEDA'S REGIONAL MAN IN ZAMBOANGA, AND HAS REGULAR REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOCOM (THE AREA MILITARY COMMAND), DSW, RED CROSS, LOCAL GOVERNORS AND THE REGIONAL PROD. THE COTABATO CITY REGIONAL DISASTER CONTROL CENTER APPEARS NEARLY EQUALLY EFFECTIVE AND IS UNDER THE COMMAND OF A COL. CASTRO. THE MILITARY IS PROVIDING MOST OF THE LOGISTICS FOR BOTH CENTERS.

WIERSING SAYS THAT HE IS IN THE RP AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOP AND THAT IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE GOP IS WILLING TO ACCEPT MULTILATERAL AID FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION. THE UNDP RESREP RELEASED HIS DOLS 20,000 (PESOS 148,000) SPECIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND FOR DISASTER RELIEF YESTERDAY TO ADMIRAL ROMULO ESPALDON, OVERALL MILITARY COMMANDER IN MINDANAO. HE OBTAINED GOP APPROVAL FOR RELEASING THIS DIRECTLY TO ADMIRAL ESPALDON.

WIERSING WILL STAY IN THE RP FOR TWO WEEKS DURING WHICH TIME HE WILL TRY TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED UN EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM. WE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLE COMPOSITION OF SUCH A PROGRAM AND HOW BEST TO IMPLEMENT IT.

OUR CONCLUSIONS WERE THAT THE GREATEST NEEDS TO ASSIST AN ESTIMATED 175,000 HOMELESS/DISPLACED IN 25-30,000 FAMILIES, ARE FOR HOUSING, FOOD FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD IN SLOWLY DECREASING MONTHLY AMOUNTS, CLOTHING, SMALL PUMP BOATS AND FISHING GEAR.

A. HOUSING: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MINIMAL AND MIGHT CONSIST IN THE IMMEDIATE PROVISION OF A FEW, SIMPLE, LOCALLY-PROCURED TOOLS SUCH AS BOLO, HOE, AXE AND SHOVEL FOR EACH FAMILY.

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B. FOOD: THIS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FROM FOREIGN ASSISTANCE STARTING FROM THIRD-WEEK AFTER THE DISASTER ON A FOOD FOR WORK BASIS TO PEOPLE BEING RESETTLED AND REBUILDING THEIR HOMES AND WORKING ON REHAB PROJECTS. IT MIGHT BE ON BASIS OF A BASIC 500 GRAMS OF RICE PERHEAD PER DAY WITH NFDN ADDED. SINCE WFP HAS JUST SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOP TO EXCHANGE 4300 M/T OF WHEAT FOR AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF LOCAL

RICE, THIS PROGRAM CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AND ADMINISTERED IMMEDIATELY THRU LOCAL DISASTER COMMITTEES AND VOLAGS BY BORROWING AGAINST THIS RICE. THE AUSTRALIANS MIGHT BE REPRESENTED IN THE PAGADIAN AREA. NFDN CAN BE ADVANCED TO THE EFFORT FROM LOCAL US VOLAG STOCKS. THESE VOLAGS CAN ALSO RUN SPECIAL TMCH AND SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS IN THE AREA FOR CHILD VICTIMS IF THIS IS DESIRED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS.

C. CLOTHING: WFP OR OTHER DONORS CAN PROVIDE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF UP TO 2000 BALES OF COTTON TO MANILA TEXTILE MILLS AGAINST WHICH THEY WILL PROVIDE TWO TEE-SHIRTS AND SIX-YARDS OF CLOTH FOR EACH VICTIM. THIS CAN PROBABLY BE ADVANCED BY LOCAL MILLS IF COTTON PLEDGE IS FIRM. OTHERWISE, THIS CLOTHING AND CLOTH CAN BE PURCHASED LOCALLY IF UN CAN MAKE CASH AVAILABLE. THIS DISTRIBUTION MIGHT BEST BE MANAGED THRU PHILIPPINE RED CROSS.

D. BOATS AND FISHING GEAR: SINCE MOST OF VICTIMS ARE FISHERMEN WHO LOST ESTIMATED 4000 SMALL, WOODEN BOATS, MANY WITH SMALL GASOLINE, LAWNMOWER-TYPE ENGINES, BIGGEST IMMEDIATE RECOVERY NEED IS FOR BOATS, ENGINES AND FISHING GEAR. GOP CAN BEST SUPPLY BOAT LOANS WHILE UN MIGHT SUPPLY ON SOFT LOAN BASIS THRU LOCAL AGENCIES, 2000 SMALL GASOLINE ENGINES AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF ABOUT DOLS 250-PER ENGINE. THESE MIGHT BE ADVANCED BY LOCAL DEALERS AGAINST UN REPLACEMENT CREDITS. NYLON FILAMENT, ALSO LOCALLY AVAILABLE, CAN ALSO BE PROVIDED EACH FISHING FAMILY TOHELP IT MAKE NEW FISHNETS. THE UN CAN PROVIDE CASH FOR THIS.

ALL OF THE ABOVE INPUTS SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY SO AS TO HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON DISASTER VICTIMS AND HELP THEM ACHIEVE MOST RAPID RECOVERY WITHOUT INTERRUPTIONS THAT MIGHT BE CAUSED BY WAITING FOR SLOW FOREIGN OR GOP-AID ARRIVALS. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UN SHOULD DETAIL A SMALL TEAM TO THE RP TO ADMINISTER THIS EFFORT ACROSS A SIX-MONTH PERIOD WORKING CLOSELY WITH CONCERNED LOCAL AGENCIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE.

THE TYPE OF PROGRAM SKETCHED ABOVE, DOES NOT REQUIRE VERY LARGE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE INPUTS. IT IS SIMPLE, PRACTICAL AND ABOVE-ALL, TIMELY. IT EXPLOITS LOCALLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND MOVES THEM TO DISASTER VICTIMS PROMPTLY WHEN THEY NEED THEM.

DR WIERSING WILL BE CONSIDERING THESE AND OTHER IDEAS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL BE DISCUSSING THEM WITH PERSONS CONCERNED, FILIPINOS AND FOREIGN, AND WILL ALSO BE COORDINATING WITH USAID AS NEEDED." SULLIVAN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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